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RE: SN 10/089,169 Attoney's Docket: P0280714

MESSAGE: Restriction

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-24 are in the case.

2. Election/Restrictions

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claims 1-9, drawn to compounds and method of treating cocaine abuse, depression etc.

Group II, claims 10-16, drawn to method of controlling dopamine flow.

Group III, claims 17-19, drawn to method of modulating dopamine reuptake.

Group IV, claims 20-22, drawn to method of treating neurological disorder.

Group V, claims 23-24, drawn to compounds and method of treating cocain abuse, depression etc..

The inventions listed as Groups I-V do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: under PCT Administrative Instruction Annex B, (f) Markush practice, under subscript (B)v, it was stated "when dealing with alternatives, if it can be shown that at least one Markush alternative is **not novel over the prior art, the question of unity of invention shall be reconsidered...**". In the instant case, at least one Markush alternative is not novel, see CA 74:68906 RN 31088-27-4 anticipates claim1.

This fascimili restriction is analogous to the telephonic restriction. Applicants are urged to respond with election to Examiner Chang (703-308-4702) promptly.